

# GWIC Industry Participant Advisory Council



## Minutes - GIPAC Monthly Meeting

<b>Date</b>	Friday 22 November 2024
<b>Time</b>	10:00am -11:00am AEDT
<b>Present:</b>	GIPAC - Tracy Hindmarsh (Council Chair), Martin Hallinan, Bryan Young, Glenn Midson, Luke Brown  GWIC – Steve Griffin, Kristy Harper, Anya Whitelaw
<b>Apologies:</b>	Wade Birch, Matthew Tutt
<b>Absent:</b>	Barry Ward, Amanda Ginn, Gayle Masterson
<b>Secretariat:</b>	Nina Beeston

### 1. Welcome and apologies

### 2. Adoption of minutes of previous meeting

- The minutes from the meeting held on 25 October 2024 were formally adopted by the participants.

### 3. Outstanding action items

- Look into eTrac functionality and whether notification of a swab result can be sent to the trainer.* This functionality will be rolled out early in the new year. An email will be sent with the result. The result will sit against the greyhound's profile in eTrac. This item to be marked as closed.
- Tracking of interstate greyhounds racing in NSW – increased transparency.* An update will be provided at the next meeting

### 4. Feedback in relation to GWIC

- Nil.

### 5. Participant Registration Enhancement Proposal

- The proposal has been sent around. Feedback is to be collated.
- GIPAC – Some have queried the basis for the monetary figures. GWIC – A representative sample of participants advised that \$90 per week per greyhound annualised was reasonable, and took into account costs of feed, electricity, vet treatment etc
- GIPAC – Gaining some idea of a Participant's support network would be increasingly important as they move through the tiers. GWIC – Participants seeking to move up a tier would be subject to a kennel inspection. Looking at availability of supports would be part of that process.
- GIPAC – How would training be delivered? GWIC – Delivery would be online through RTOs. Assessments would be primarily conducted online and may include onsite visits by an assessor. Prior learning/experience would be recognised.
- GIPAC – Will this apply to owners? GWIC – No. It will only apply to the high-risk areas of the sport; trainers and breeders.
- GIPAC – Will this be grandfathered? GWIC – Yes. It will only apply to new people entering the sport or someone who becomes a trainer or breeder.
- GIPAC – There is some concern this would result in a transfer of responsibility from Owner to Trainer. GWIC - Anyone negatively impacted by a transfer of responsibility could bring this to GWIC's attention.

### 6. Amended Race Day Hydration and Hot Weather Policy

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- GIPAC – There is some concern about risk of injury if the greyhound plays with the water bucket prior to a race. Providing water after the race is more important. A dog is spent after a race and less likely to play with the bucket and hurt themselves.

Action:

1. GIPAC's feedback to be provided to Dr Tony Kuipers

## 7. Communication Strategies

- GWIC's communications team is looking at ways to maximise reach with clubs and Participants and asks what the best way is to communicate.
- GIPAC - a variety of forms of communication / multiple strategies is best; SMS, email, videos, posters; flyers on the weight table as dogs are being weighed, posters which can be printed up and put on a club noticeboard.
- GWIC – A new comms person will be joining the team soon and will be contacting each track to find out preferred modes of communication. We will also be creating a test committee to test or sense check communications before they are sent out.

## 8. Emerging industry issues

GIPAC – There have been a lot of 3 day stand downs issued by Vets for minor injuries, such as grazes, at Gosford. These are logged as injuries in the Steward's Reports which inflates the numbers – and is used by opponents of the sport.

GWIC – We are obliged to use the Greyhound Australasia injury categories

GIPAC – in respect of the recent race meeting at Gosford with high injury rate; the rain had washed away the top layer of the track. There were a lot of stopper pad injuries caused by slippage on the coarse track surface.

GWIC – Agree the track was not in good condition. We are confident the OTVs did the best they could under the circumstances. The track has since been harrowed. It was in good condition on Monday.

## 9. Other business

GWIC updates:

- GRNSW Inquiry is proceeding; witness transcripts are available on the Inquiry website. Inquiry report is due 30 April 2025. GWIC anticipates the GRNSW CEO appointment will be announced before Christmas.
- GWIC and GRNSW Annual Reports were tabled in Parliament yesterday
- Minister Harris wants tracks brought up to Minimum Track Standards (MTS). GRNSW will need to get the recast MTS operational by January 2025. A draft has been provided and considered by GWIC and feedback has been given to GRNSW. Reduced available Capital Grants Funding may impact number of tracks.
- Recently published research from WA on injuries, particularly hock fractures, indicates that track radii is critical. Fitness and fatigue are also factors. Forelimb fractures are commonly caused in younger greyhounds making racing errors.

Action:

1. A copy of the WA research paper to be distributed.

## 10. Next meeting

## 11. Record of action items

Action Ref	Meeting date	Action	Person responsible	Due date	Comments
	25/1/2024	Tracking of interstate greyhounds racing in NSW – increased transparency. M Tutt to	GWIC		In progress. GWIC Policy Team to develop a paper.

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		discuss with GRNSW offline			To be raised at the next GWIC/GRNSW meeting
	22/11/2024	GIPAC's feedback (Amended Race Day Hydration and Hot Weather Policy) to be provided to Dr Tony Kuipers	GWIC		
	22/11/2024	A copy of the WA research paper (injuries) to be distributed to GIPAC.	GWIC		Completed on 22/11/2024